AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a transposed signal which is transposed by a factor M, comprising the following steps:

filtering an input signal through a parallel bank of L filters with impulse responses as

$$h_k(n) = K p_0(n) \exp \left[j \frac{\pi}{2L} (2k+1)(n-\frac{N-1}{2}) + j(-1)^k \frac{\pi}{4M} \right],$$

where $k = 0, 1, \ldots, L-1$, K is a constant, and $p_0(n)$ is a lowpass prototype filter of length A-N, producing a set of L complex-valued signals;

downsampling said set of L signals with a factor L/M, producing a set of L complex-valued subband signals;

multiplying phase-angles of said set of L complex-valued subband signals by M, giving a new set of subband signals;

selecting real parts of said new set of subband signals, resulting in a set of L real-valued subband signals;

upsampling a subset of said set of L real-valued subband signals with a factor L', producing a set of real-valued signals;

filtering said set of real-valued signals through a parallel bank of L' filters with impulse responses as

$$f_k(n) = K' p_0'(n) \cos \left[\frac{\pi}{2L'} (2kk'+1)(n-\frac{N'-1}{2}) - (-1)^k \frac{\pi}{4} \right]$$

$$f_k(n) = K' p_0'(n) \cos \left[\frac{\pi}{2L'} (2k'+1)(n-\frac{N'-1}{2}) - (-1)^{k'} \frac{\pi}{4} \right]$$

where $\frac{k'}{k'} = 0$, 1,..., L'-1, K' is a constant and $\frac{p'0(n)}{p_0(n)}$ is a lowpass prototype filter of length N', forming a set of L' filtered signals; and

adding said set of L' filtered signals and the input signal to produce a transposed signal.

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the step of multiplying of said phase-angles and the step of selecting of the real part said real parts, is computed by the following steps:

writing providing said set of complex-valued subband signals as

$$Z_k(n) = R_k(n) + j I_k(n) ,$$

where $R_k(n)$ and $I_k(n)$ are real and imaginary parts of $Z_k(n)\,,$ respectively;

calculating said set of real-valued subband signals $W_k\left(n\right)$ as

$$W_k(n) = |Z_k(n)| \cos \left\{ M \arctan \left(\frac{I_k(n)}{R_k(n)} \right) \right\},$$

where $|Z_k(n)| = sqrt\{R_k(n)^2 + I_k(n)^2\}$ and M is a positive integer transposition factor, using a following trigonometric identity

$$\cos(Ma) = \cos^{M}(a) - {\binom{M}{2}}\sin^{2}(a)\cos^{M-2}(a) + {\binom{M}{4}}\sin^{4}(a)\cos^{M-4}(a)...,$$

where a = arctan $\{I_k(n)/R_k(n)\}$, and following relations

$$\cos(a) = \frac{R_k(n)}{|Z_k(n)|} \text{ and } \sin(a) = \frac{I_k(n)}{|Z_k(n)|};$$

whereby reducing computational complexity is reduced by elimination of all trigonometric calculations.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, further including the following steps:

on a block basis, extracting information conveyed by the phasedifference of an adjacent pair of said complex-valued subband signals;

performing said multiplication multiplying of said phase-angles by M, forming a pair of said new subband signals; and

negating one of said new subband signals, on a condition provided by said information; whereby 180° phaseshifts of the subband signals are retained when employing an even integer-valued transposition factor M. 4. (Original) A method according to claim 3, in which said information is given by the dot-product of said complex-valued subband signals $Z_k(n)$ and $Z_{k+1}(n)$ according to

$$Z_k(n) \circ Z_{k+1}(n) = R_k(n)R_{k+1}(n) + I_k(n)I_{k+1}(n)$$
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where $R_i(n)$ and $I_i(n)$ are real and imaginary parts of $Z_i(n)$ respectively, i=k, k+1, and one of said new subband signals is negated provided said dot-product is negative.

5. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for providing a transposed signal which is transposed by a factor M, comprising:

a filter for filtering an input signal through a parallel bank of L filters with impulse responses as

$$h_k(n) = K p_0(n) \exp \left[j \frac{\pi}{2L} (2k+1)(n - \frac{N-1}{2}) + j(-1)^k \frac{\pi}{4M} \right],$$

where k = 0, 1, ..., L-1, K is a constant, po(n) $p_o(n)$ is a lowpass prototype filter of length N, and M is the factor, producing a set of L complex-valued signals;

a downsampler for downsampling said set of L signals with a factor L/M, producing a set of L complex-valued subband signals;

a multiplier for multiplying phase-angles of said set of complex-valued subband signals by M, giving a new set of subband signals;

a selector for selecting real parts of said new set of subband signals, resulting in a set of L real-valued subband signals;

an upsampler for upsampling a subset of said set of L real-valued subband signals with a factor L', producing a set of real-valued signals;

a filter for filtering said set of real-valued signals through a parallel bank of L'filters with impulse responses as

$$f_k(n) = K' p_0'(n) \cos \left[\frac{\pi}{2L'} (2kk'+1)(n-N'-1) - (-1)^k \frac{\pi}{4} \right]$$

$$f_k(n) = K' p_0'(n) \cos \left[\frac{\pi}{2L'} (2k'+1)(n-\frac{N'-1}{2}) - (-1)^{k'} \frac{\pi}{4} \right],$$

where $k-\underline{k'}=0$, 1,..., L'-1, $k-\underline{K'}$, is a constant and p'0(n) $p_0(n)$ is a lowpass prototype filter of length $N-\underline{N'}$, forming a set of L' filtered signals; and

an adder for adding said set of L' filtered signals and the input signal to produce the transposed signal.